

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephonic interview on October 7, 2006. As discussed during the interview, Applicants request reconsideration of Claims 1-10 in view of the Amendments and Remarks set forth herein, which Applicants consider to be a summary of the matters discussed during the interview.

The Claims Have Been Clarified

As discussed during the interview, independent Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that crests of at least some of the retaining elements of the outward section are rounded and that the fastener may be easily disengaged from the cover member when partially inserted. As noted during the interview, support for this amendment can be found at least in Figure 9 of the drawings and the third paragraph of page 11 of the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, include recitations that patentably distinguish the invention over the prior art of record, either alone or in combination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-10 of the present application are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. Examiner Saether is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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